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| For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND |) | |
| IMAGE OUTPUT SYSTEM | : | |

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Sir:

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended toward his representative during the personal interview of August 17, 2010.

The interview focused primarily on independent Claims 25 and 30 and the Gondek '660 patent and Asami '007 patent.

As discussed at the interview, Applicant's invention as set forth in Claim 25 allows for an image processing apparatus to convert primary color data into color data for outputting a dark color material in a first mode or outputting dark color material and a light color material in a second mode. In this way, two modes are available for converting the primary color data.

In discussing the cited art, Applicant's representative explained that there is no teaching or suggestion in the cited art of converting primary color data having two of maximum values and one of minimum values of colors R, G and B into color data for outputting both a dark color material and a light color material. Moreover, it would not have been obvious, absent hindsight, to modify the ink jet printing system in Gondek to include a unit for converting the primary color data into color data for outputting both dark color material and a light color material.

No agreement was reached as to patentable subject matter. The Examiner indicated, however, that he would discuss Applicant's positions with his supervisor.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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